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Dear Outlook Conference Participant:

The Summer 2000 Midwest and Great Plains & Western Outlook Conference will be held August 16-17 in Columbus, Ohio. The program will focus on in-depth situation and outlook analyses of major agricultural commodities with ample discussion time for clarity, understanding and alternative points of view. An impressive program with excellent presenters has been developed. The Conference will begin Wednesday morning (August 16) and conclude about noon on Thursday (August 17). **The Conference will be at the Radisson Airport Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus.**

The cost of the meeting, \$70.00 (including breakfast both days and lunch on Wednesday), is due to Allan Lines by July 25th. Registrations after this date are \$80. Please fill-out the enclosed registration form and return it with the registration fee payable to The Ohio State University. Also, please contact us if you have an address change.

Discounted lodging rates have been set-up at the **Radisson Airport Hotel**. A limited number of hotel rooms will be available August 15th and 16th at the Conference rates of \$105.00 plus taxes per night (single/double). To receive the discounted rate, you must **reserve your room by July 16, 2000**. Please call the Radisson Airport Hotel at (614) 475-7551 and state that you are with the **Midwest Outlook Conference**.

The Radisson Airport Hotel is located 1 mile from the Columbus International Airport and 4 miles from downtown Columbus. While it is too early for Ohio State Football, the Columbus Crew Soccer Team will be playing at 7:30 p.m. August 16th. More information (tickets, prices, etc.) is available at <http://www.thecrew.com>. The Ohio State Fair (<http://www.ohiostatefair.com>) will also be taking place in August with daily concerts and events.

The hotel is located at 1375 N. Cassady Avenue at Route 62 / I-670. Complementary airport shuttle service is provided by the Radisson. After retrieving your luggage, pick up the Airport Radisson phone at the Hotel Courtesy phone bank and they will tell you when and where the next shuttle will arrive to pick you up.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (614) 292-5926 or lines.1@osu.edu or my assistant Sharon Baxter at (614) 292-2645 or baxter.68@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

Allan Lines

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Midwest and Great Plains & Western Outlook Conference
Radisson Airport Hotel and Conference Center
Columbus, Ohio

Tuesday, August 15th

7:30 p.m. Informal Hospitality at Hotel

Wednesday, August 16th

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **Welcome & Orientation**
Keith Smith – Director, The Ohio State University Extension

8:10 a.m. **State Reports**

Moderator – *Allan Lines*

9:00 a.m. **U.S. Economic Outlook**
Edward Stevens, Research Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

10:00 a.m. Break

Moderator –

10:20 a.m. **Dairy Situation and Outlook**
Cameron Thraen, The Ohio State University

11:00 a.m. **Dairy Industry: A Western Perspective**
Wilson Gray, University of Idaho

11:30 a.m. **Farmland Outlook**
LeeAnn Moss, University of Illinois

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Moderator – *Brian Roe*

1:00 p.m. **Livestock and Poultry: The International Dimension**
Joel Greene, Senior Commodity Analyst, WAOB, USDA

1:45 p.m. **Poultry Situation and Outlook**
David Harvey, Outlook Economist, ERS, USDA

2:30 p.m. **Hog and Pork Situation and Outlook**
John Lawrence, Iowa State University

3:15 p.m. Break

Moderator –

- 3:30 p.m. **Feeder Cattle Situation & Outlook**
Jim Mintert, Kansas State University
- 4:15 p.m. **Fed Cattle and Beef Situation & Outlook**
Ernie Davis, Texas A&M University
- 5:00 p.m. **Discussion**
- 5:30 p.m. End of Wednesday Program
- Dinner and Evening on Your Own

Thursday, August 17th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. **Planning for 2001 Conference**
- Moderator –
- 8:00 a.m. **Non-Soy Oilseeds: The Foreign Threat**
Steve Riggins, University of Kentucky
- 8:45 a.m. **Wheat Situation and Outlook**
Lynn Lutgen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 9:30 a.m. **Soybean Situation and Outlook**
Darrel Good, University of Illinois
- 10:15 p.m. Break
- Moderator –
- 10:35 a.m. **Feed Grain Situation & Outlook**
Bob Wisner, Iowa State University
- 11:10 a.m. **Discussion**
- Noon End of Conference

Moderators and Formal Discussants (2nd opinions) will be selected from list of attendees (with their approval of course) and incorporated into the Final Program

REGISTRATION FORM

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August 16-17, 2000

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Updating Address only: Please fax (614-292-4749) or send (address below) this form to Allan Lines.

Return Registration Or Address Change As Soon As Possible.

Name

University/Agency

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Fax

E-Mail

Make Checks payable to The Ohio State University and send the registration fee of \$70 (\$80 if after July 25th) to:

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